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- (c) Local Agent: [redacted] all telegrams and messages from the ship were required to go out via the local agent at Odessa. The correspondence address of the agent was "INFLOT".

2. Harbor Facilities:

- (a) Docks, Warehouses and Drydocks: [redacted] the docks used [redacted] were wooden. [redacted] however, [redacted] the end of either the "New Mole" or the "Military Mole" was concrete. Warehousing facilities at Odessa were poor and inadequate. [redacted] the warehouses were extremely old and appeared as if they would "fall down" at any time. The lack of sufficient warehouse space repeatedly slowed offloading operations [redacted] No drydock facilities of any kind were noted [redacted] 50X1-HUM
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- (b) Construction Activity: A new four-story brick building was under construction in the Odessa Harbor area. [redacted] it was being constructed approximately 200 yards from the waterfront and was approximately 200 feet in length. Women laborers were noted carrying bricks, mixing cement, and doing other heavy jobs on this construction project. 50X1-HUM

3. Cargo Handling Operations:

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- (a) Unloading Procedure: [redacted] boxes were unloaded by means of [redacted] a single electric dockside crane [redacted] The cargo was taken to a warehouse by means of small, cargo-carrying tractors. From the warehouse it was then placed in railroad cars which ran on a spur extending along the dock. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- [redacted] Many women were evident among the longshoremen working the vessel. They were engaged in checking cargo and driving the small, cargo-carrying tractors. The scarcity of longshoremen was noted at one time inasmuch as a single man was forced to run two of the vessel's winches at the same time. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (b) Cargo-handling Efficiency: Loading operations at Odessa were hampered by the fact that there was both insufficient warehouse space and available railroad cars. Time and time again this situation delayed unloading operations. On one occasion [redacted] ship was forced to shift its position along the dock because of the lack of nearby warehouse space. [redacted] during periods when warehouse space and railroad cars were available, approximately one thousand boxes per hour were unloaded. This rate, however, was not continuous [redacted] 50X1-HUM
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- [redacted] a loading report showing that during one 22-hour period only 5,969 boxes were discharged.
- (c) Lack of Warehouse Space and Railroad Cars: The necessity for increasing available warehouse space as well as the number of railroad cars at Odessa seemed to be a pressing problem for harbor authorities. [redacted] cargo left outside in the snow exposed to the elements at several places along the water-front. Some of the cargo, which included crates of machinery, was covered with tarpaulins at times. [redacted] some of the machinery stored in this manner was rusting. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
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[redacted] the lack of warehousing facilities and railroad cars resulted in a 24-day stay in port [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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